

## REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-6 have been indicated as being allowed by the Examiner.

Applicants submitted Japanese patent 6-059774 (Publication No. 61-037516; Application No. 59-161196) in an Information Disclosure Statement on August 19, 2003. In order to comply with the concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese document, Applicants submitted an English language Abstract of the reference.

MPEP 609.04(a)(III) states "Submission of an English language abstract of a reference may fulfill the requirement of a concise explanation." 35 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(ii) states that if a written English language translation of a non-English language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c), a copy of the translation shall accompany the statement.

Applicants do not have or control a written English translation of JP 6-059774 (61-037516) and an English translation is not readily available. Applicants have reviewed the reference and the English Abstract and Applicants believe the English Abstract fulfills the requirements for a concise explanation. Regarding block 114 in the reference, this refers to whether a timer is greater than or equal to thirty seconds.

MPEP 609.04(a)(II) also states "If no translation is submitted, the examiner will consider the information in view of the concise explanation and insofar as it is understood on its face, e.g., drawings, chemical formulas, English language abstracts, in the same manner that non-English language information in Office search files is considered by examiners in conducting searches."

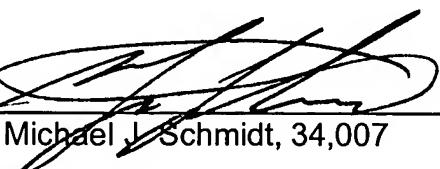
Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the JP reference in view of the English language Abstract which Applicants feel meets the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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